

5 presenting at said user control interface means an indicium
unique to said particular authorized user; and

said telephone interface means presents for
access at said user control interface means only voice mail
functions addressed to said authorized user.

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55. (amended) The security system of claim 54
wherein:

said user control interface means comprises
keypad means;

5 said indicium comprises a passcode; and
said presentation of said indicium comprises
entry of said passcode at said keypad means.

58. (amended) The security system of claim 57
wherein said call screening function comprises an ability to
answer a call being screened.

59. (amended) The security system of claim 57
wherein:

a²
said user control interface means includes
speaker means;

5 said voice mail functionality comprises
playback of an outgoing message to an incoming caller; and
said call screening function is full-duplex,
allowing said incoming caller to speak an announcement that
is audible at said speaker means during said playback of
10 said outgoing message.

62. (amended) The security system of claim 61
wherein:

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said user control interface means includes
speaker means; and

5 said telephone interface means further
comprises means for synthesizing voice for announcing said
calling party identification data at said speaker means.

63. (amended) The security system of claim 61
wherein:

said user control interface means includes
speaker means;

5 said telephone interface means comprises
means for storing at least one telephone number and
identifying data associated with said telephone number; and

a³ when said calling party identification data
identifies said stored telephone number, said identifying
10 data are announced at said speaker means.

64. (amended) The security system of claim 63
wherein said identifying data comprise stored spoken data.

65. (amended) The security system of claim 63
wherein said telephone interface means comprises means for
synthesizing voice for announcing said identifying data.

67. (amended) The security system of claim 66
wherein said indicium indicating authorization to access
said voice mail functionality also is an indicium
authorizing access to said security system.

a⁴ 68. (amended) The security system of claim 66
wherein said indicium indicating authorization to access
said voice mail functionality is different from an indicium
authorizing access to said security system.

69. (amended) The security system of claim 66
wherein:

said user control interface means comprises
keypad means;

5 said indicium comprises a passcode; and
said presentation of said indicium comprises
entry of said passcode at said keypad means.